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1. Between 16 and 30 December 1947, the following eastbound transports passed through Frankfurt/Oder:

<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Description of Transports</u>
16 December	42	RR tank cars, guarded
	44	Timber
	83	Unspecified (closed cars)
	34	Iron beams
17 December	39	Timber, and closed cars of unspecified contents
	42	Canned food, sugar
	46	Unspecified (closed cars)
	32	Iron beams and iron frames
	40	Lumber and barracks parts
18 December	44	RR ties
	120	Unspecified (closed cars)
	44	Iron pipes
19 December	83	Unspecified (closed cars)
	38	Canned food, and closed cars of unspecified contents
	44	Boxes of unascertainable contents
	40	Butter and salt
20 December	121	Unspecified (closed cars)
	41	RR tank cars, guarded
21 December	38	Sugar, and closed cars
	40	Canned food, and closed cars
	88	Unspecified (closed cars)
	41	Large machines for power-station (crated)
22 December	79	Unspecified
	48	RR tracks
	39	RR cars, new
	34	Iron beams and iron frames
	31	EM, approx. 1,000, and some officers

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<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Description of Transports</u>
23 December	40	Soap products and candles, closed cars of unspecified contents
	44	Paper, glassware, closed cars of unspecified contents
	84	Unspecified
	32	Machines, crated
24 December	40	Sugar, and closed cars
	38	Textiles, and closed cars
	88	Unspecified
	36	RR tank cars, guarded
	30	300 - 400 EM, without equipment
25 December	116	Unspecified (closed cars)
	44	Glassware, and closed cars
26 December	48	Soap products, and closed cars
	83	Unspecified (closed cars)
	32	EM, approx. 1,500 men
	44	RR tracks and beams
	44	Boxes of unknown contents
27 December	40	Glassware, and closed cars
	124	Unspecified (closed cars)
	41	RR cars, new
28 December	42	Textiles, and closed cars
	39	Sugar, and closed cars
	44	Unspecified
	41	RR tracks
	42	Machine parts, car axles
29 December	84	Unspecified (closed cars)
	86	Timber
	40	Locomotives, new
	30	EM, approx. 1,500
30 December	74	Unspecified (closed cars)
	42	RR cars, new, guarded
	40	RR tank cars
	42	Timber and barracks parts

The military transports consisted of officers and EM belonging to different units and different branches of the service. Only a few of the men carried small arms.

2. During the same period, i.e. between 16 and 30 December, the following troop and prisoner-of-war transports passed through Frankfurt/Oder in a westerly direction:

<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Description of Transports</u>
16 December	30	EM, approx. 700, without arms
17 December	31	EM, approx. 750
18 December	30	EM, approx. 600, and a few officers
19 December	31	Officers and EM, approx. 800
20 December	44	Prisoners-of-war, approx. 1,200 - 1,300
	30	EM, approx. 350 - 400

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<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Description of Transports</u>
22 December	41	Prisoners-of-war, approx. 1,000
23 December	30	EM, approx. 1,000
	44	Prisoners-of-war
24 December	34	Prisoners-of-war, approx. 1,200
25 December	34	EM, approx. 800
		Unspecified Prisoners-of-war (one train load)
27 December	89	Prisoners-of-war, approx. 2,500
	32	EM, approx. 900
28 December	36	Prisoners-of-war, approx. 1,300
29 December	40	Prisoners-of-war, approx. 1,500
30 December	29	EM, approx. 1,100 men
	42	Prisoners of war, approx. 1,500

During the same period, 89 empty trains returned from Russia and moved through Frankfurt/Oder in westerly direction.

3. Between 12 December 1947 and 1 January 1948, the following eastbound transports moved through Kuestrin-Kietz:

<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of Cars</u>	<u>Description of Transports</u>	<u>Destination</u>
12 December	23	Officers and dependents	Insterburg
13	51	Sugar	Insterburg
14	30	Officers and dependents	Insterburg
15	20	Officers, EM, and dependents	Insterburg
16	50	Sugar	Insterburg
17	ca. 150	Empty freight cars	East (unspecified)
18	109	Sugar	Insterburg
19	19	Officers, EM, and dependents	Insterburg
20	165	Scrap iron	Insterburg
21	108	Scrap iron	Insterburg
22	(162	Scrap iron	Insterburg
	(30	Officers, EM, and dependents	Insterburg
23	108	Grain	Insterburg
24	(107	Grain	Insterburg
	(45	Scrap iron	Insterburg
25	327	Scrap iron	Insterburg
26	(25	Officers, EM, and dependents	Insterburg
	(58	Scrap iron	Insterburg
27	(112	Grain	Insterburg
	(118	Scrap iron	Insterburg
28	54	Scrap iron	Insterburg
29	215	Grain	Insterburg
30	118	Scrap iron	Insterburg
31	20	Officers and dependents	Insterburg
1 January ca.	160	Empty freight cars	East (unspecified)

4. Between 12 December 1947 and 1 January 1948, the following traffic moved through Kuestrin-Kietz in a westerly direction:

31 empty trains, each consisting of approximately 50 cars, returning from Russia,
 1 train of 60 cars, allegedly containing grain, headed for an undisclosed destination
 2 munition trains of 30 and 52 cars, heavily armed

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5. According to documents of the Reichsbahn, the following eastbound carloads, in addition to the military transports already reported, moved through Kuestrin-Kietz

a. during Octoberb. during November

39 cars	heavy spar	20 cars	rubber
5	furniture	50	roofing tiles
3	stove accessories	1	stoves
583	industrial material (mostly dismantled)	1	lumber
1	roofing felt	32	industrial equipment
2	construction material	40	barracks parts
5	chairs	93	wooden houses
40	sanitary equipment	91	automobiles
76	pigs	45	furniture
9	stoves, boards, lamps	55	fluorspar
1	drugs & medicaments	90	munition
33	fluorspar	212	potash
40	vehicles	463	iron constructions (dismantled)
69	ammunition	328	industrial equipment (dismantled)
61	barracks parts		scrap iron
43	RR ties	964	
114	lumber		
10	grain		
205	potash		
404	iron constructions (dismantled)		
1,217	scrap iron		

Some of the above figures, concerning such items as barracks parts, munition, grain, sugar, have already been mentioned, either partly or in full, in previous reports about military transports.

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